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Mesilla Valley Radio Club		

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M, W, F	Informal Wal-Mart (West)	10:00 AM	
Wed	MVRC Net 146.64	6:45 PM	
Oct 1	Coffee Club House	8 AM	
Oct 1	Business meeting Club House	9 AM	
Oct 4	Builder's Group Club House	7 PM	
Oct 5	Board Meeting Club House	7 PM	
Oct 11	Linux -SIG Club House	7 PM	
Oct 18	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
Oct 25	Linux - SIG Club House	7 PM	
Oct 15	Socorro Hamfest	www.socorroara.org	
For more events see http://www.n5bl.org/calendar			



More information at <http://swantenna.com>



K5SHB and KF5KHJ Receive City Proclamation

The Articles for This Month

City Proclamation

On September 19 the city issued a proclamation naming the month of September “Wireless Wizardry Month”. The whole proclamation is located on the next page.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Mesilla Valley Radio Club is recognizing the historic importance of radio to Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley in "Wireless Wizardry: The History of Radio in the Mesilla Valley" at the Branigan Cultural Center, September 2 - October 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mesilla Valley Radio Club is prepared to provide communications in disaster and emergencies and promotes on-going amateur radio communications throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Mesilla Valley Radio Club is celebrating more than sixty years of communication experimentation and service, including its own operating station, N5BL.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 as:

"WIRELESS WIZARDRY MONTH"

to be recognized as a community celebration of radio communication and history in our community.



Ken D. Miyagishima, Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda Lewis, City Clerk

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Wireless Wizardry Schedule

The exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center will continue until October 12. Some of the special events in connection with the exhibit are listed below. You are particularly urged to attend the presentation by KC5EVR and KC5KWI on Friday October 7 at 5PM.

10/1 (SAT) – 9 am to 4:30 p.m. Harvey Baldwin W0RUG will have his mobile unit at the Branigan.

10/7 (FRI) 5-7 pm – Friday Night Arts Ramble. FEATURED ACTIVITY: Richard Johnson, KC5EVR, will discuss his bicycle mobile and Charlotte Johnson, KC5EWI, will be the featured pianist.

10/8 (SAT) 1 PM - Presentation in the BCC Shannon Room by Bernie McCune of the NMSU Physical Science Lab (PSL).

10/8 (SAT) 5:15 pm KRWG 90.7 FM Bob Bennett, AD5LJ, and Rob Truitt, KE5OFK, are guests of Emily Guerra on Puentes, Bridges to the Community.

Bicycle Mobile

KF5KHJ

Combining cycling and ham radio operation makes Richard Johnson, KC5EVR, an experimenter extraordinaire.

On Friday, October 7, from 5 to 7 p.m., Johnson will relate stories from two



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decades of world travel with his wife, Charlotte, KC5KWI, in the Shannon Room at the Branigan Cultural Center as part of Wireless Wizardry: A History of Radio in the Mesilla Valley. Charlotte Johnson, a well-known Las Cruces pianist, will be featured at the piano.

Retired at 54, Johnson with his wife took up bicycling to stay healthy in 1990. Soon, he became a ham radio operator after inheriting a good deal of equipment from his father.

From local rides with his two-meter rig, Johnson developed ways to construct better and better mobile radio bicycles that the Johnsons --Charlotte became a licensed radio operator along the way--could use as the two amateur radio operators traveled throughout the United States, and much of the world.

"The Canadian Rockies and Alaska are two of my favorite places," Johnson, now 80, said. "Our rigs made communicating with other amateurs along the way unique. We met amazing people and made friends."

The Johnsons ride about 50 miles a week in the Mesilla Valley. Even though they haven't exactly mapped out their next adventure, there certainly will be one in the near future.

Monthly Club Meeting

06 August 2016 (Saturday)

Monthly Meeting of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club

Clubhouse doors opened for coffee and donuts: 8 a.m.

Members Present: 24

Visitors: Maya Brewington and Frank Dodd

New Members: Frank Dodd *KG5OPO*

Meeting called to order at: 9:00 a.m. by club president Sven Breden. Then, Cash Oslen introduced the August speaker, Howard Brewington. Brewington gave a short presentation on the electromagnetic spectrum.

After a short break, MVRC Business Meeting started at: 9:45 a.m.

Discussion/Reports Included:

Cash Olsen *KD5SSJ* and Bob Bennett *AD5LJ* provided details on the club's new flat-screen TV purchase. Cash also reminded everyone of the club's Builders Group that meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

It was noted that Dave Hassall *WA5DJJ* had donated a Kenwood HF transceiver to the MVRC. This radio will replace one of the HF rigs in the club's radio room.

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It was also noted that club member Jack Lemons *N5KP* had passed.
Charles Combs *KG5BVE* reported that the MVRC took third place in New Mexico during the recent Field Day activities.
Sven Breden *K5SHB* reminded everyone that two Ham Fests were coming up, i.e., Albuquerque on 12 August, and Alamogordo on 03 September. Sven also reminded those present of the upcoming MVRC Board Meeting on 10 August at 7:00 p.m. All club members are welcome to attend.
Margaret Bernstein *KF5KHJ* gave a status update on the club's exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center. She also asked for volunteers to help man our display. Please contact Margaret at margaretpaints@yahoo.com if you can help.

MVRC Meeting adjourned: 10:10 a.m.

Meeting minutes recorded by Club Secretary: Howard Brewington *KJ5NJ*

September

10 September 2016 (Saturday)

Monthly Meeting of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club

Clubhouse doors opened for coffee and donuts: 8 a.m.

Members Present: 23

Visitors: Billy Chrisley, WN5KNY

Meeting called to order: 9:00 a.m. by club president Sven Breden, *K5SHB*. Then, Sven introduced the September speaker, Dave Hassall *WA5DJJ*. Dave gave an excellent presentation about the current sun spot cycle, and how it's affecting HF propagation. According to Dave, we're in a solar minimum situation that will impact our hobby for decades. The presentation was well received.

After a short break, MVRC Business Meeting started: 9:45 a.m.

Discussion/Reports Included:

Rob Truitt *KE5OFK* reported the club's Caballo repeater had a small problem, but he plans to check it out in the next few days.
Bob Bennett *AD5LJ* reported that all was okay with the MVRC clubhouse and property. Bob invited everyone to see the club's radio exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center.
George Kopp *KD5OHA* mentioned that he would appreciate some future help with running the Wednesday evening net on 146.640. George also reminded everyone of the Department of Health Net on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. on 147.180.
Charles Combs *KG5BVE* reported that our special-event call sign, W5M, was pub-

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lished in QST magazine.

MVRC secretary, Howard Brewington *KJ5NJ*, reported that we'd collected a few new members in August and an updated roster should get posted on the club's webpage sometime in the near future, hopefully.

Sven Breden *K5SHB* reported the MVRC treasurer, Hugo Costa *N1MEX*, had resigned, so we'll need to elect a new treasurer for 2017. Additionally, the Christmas season is growing near, so Sven asked that everyone start thinking about a location for the club's holiday party. Sven also reminded officers and board members of the upcoming board meeting on Wednesday 14 September at 7:00 p.m. All club members are welcome to attend.

Margaret Bernstein, *KF5KHJ*, gave a status update on the club's exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center. She also asked for volunteers to help man our display. Please contact Margaret at margaretpaints@yahoo.com if you can help.

MVRC Meeting adjourned: 10:03 a.m.

Meeting minutes recorded by Club Secretary: Howard Brewington *KJ5NJ*

Monthly Board Meeting

14 September 2016 (Wednesday)

Board Meeting of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club

Officers and Board Members Present:

Sven Breden (President) *K5SHB*, Howard Brewington (Secretary) *KJ5NJ*, Alex Burr *K5XY*, Robert Truitt *KE5OFK*, George Kopp *KD5OHA*, and Charles Combs *KG5BVE*

Visitors Present: Randy Adamson *KE5EMP*

Meeting called to order: 7:09 p.m. by club president Sven Breden.

Business Discussion

- According to Rob Truitt, the intermittent operation of the club's repeater at Caballo went away but then returned. For some unknown reason, it's shutting down and restarting itself. Rob plans to drive up and have a look at his earliest convenience.
- As at the September club meeting, George Kopp mentioned that he'd appreciate some help with running the club's 146.64 net on Wednesday night. Sven said that he'd be willing to fill-in if George were unavailable.
- Alex Burr, MVRC web master, commented that he was very pleased with the club's exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center. He hopes to have pictures of our display published in QST magazine. Alex also mentioned the city of Las Cruces has declared September as, "Radio Month."
- Howard Brewington, club secretary, pointed out that the minutes he typed-up from the August meeting and board meeting had not been included in September's Local Oscillator. Howard expressed his concern and hopes his work for the club will get published via our website in the future. Howard also reported that we'd had no new members since 01 September, so the club roster was up to date. Alex agreed to post the latest version of the roster on the

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MVRC webpage in the next few weeks.

Charles Combs reported that our special-event call sign, W5M, at Branigan Cultural Center would expire after two weeks; however, the club will be renewing for additional time.

Charles also reminded board members that he'd be stepping down as MVRC's special-event chairman at year's end. Sven volunteered to contact the membership for possible candidates. Charles also asked for an update on the Club's upcoming Technician class since he'd had a couple of inquiries.

Sven Breden reminded the group that Hugo Costa recently resigned the office of MVRC treasurer. Fortunately, though, a couple of volunteers had stepped forward. In the meantime, Sven volunteered to contact Hugo about returning the club's checkbook, PO Box key, and financial records. As a group, we talked about buying a bookkeeping software package, such as Quicken, for the club's new treasurer.

Board Meeting adjourned: 7:57 pm

Meeting minutes recorded by Club Secretary: Howard J. Brewington

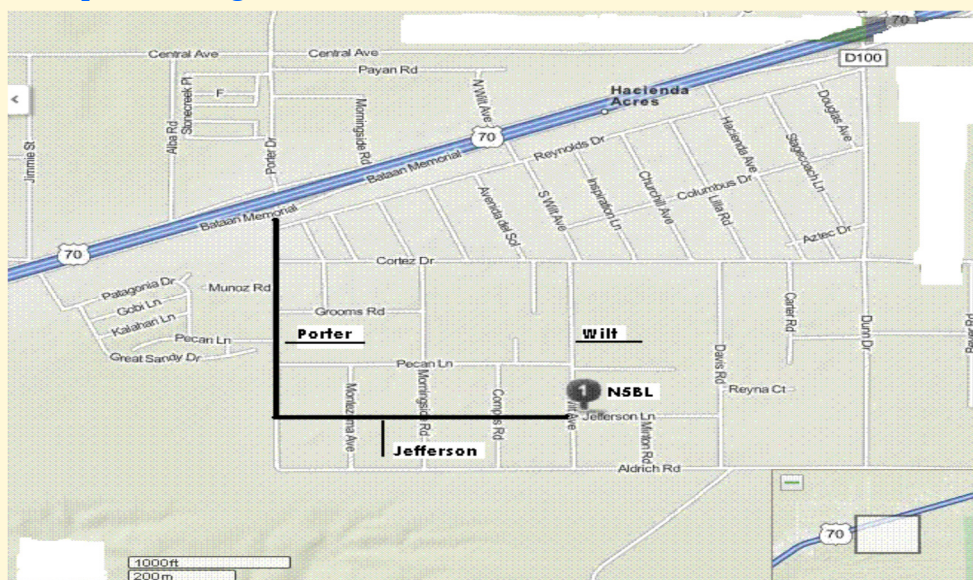
Board meetings are open to the entire membership; please feel free to join us.

Treasurer Report

Not available

CLUB INFORMATION

The MVRC Clubhouse is located at the intersection of Wilt and Jefferson. To find the clubhouse, set your destination on your GPS receiver as 32 degrees 22.961 minutes and -106 degrees 41.44 minutes. If you don't own a GPS, take the Porter exit near the firehouse on US 70. It is about 5 miles east from the I 25 interchange. Go south on Porter until you come to Jefferson. There turn left toward the mountains and go to Wilt. You will see the beam on the corner. The treasurer would be delighted to receive your contribution for landscaping and furnishing. More information at <http://n5bl.org>



Officers

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JOIN THE CLUB

To join the Mesilla Valley Radio Club, renew your membership, or to support the repeaters, please print, cut out, and complete the form below. Send it with dues (\$35 single, \$45 family per year. to: Treasurer, MVRC, Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

MESILLA VALLEY RADIO CLUB

CALL SIGN(S) _____ FAMILY yes _____ no _____

LICENSE CLASS (E, A, G, T, N) _____

ARRL (Y/N) _____

ARRL VE (Y/N) _____

Would you like to be added to the MVRC reflector? _____

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY & ZIP _____ PHONE _____ (OPTIONAL)

INTERESTS – Computer _____ Contests _____ Digital _____ Elmer _____ Emergency Communications _____ Field Day _____

Packet _____ Programs _____ Public Service _____ Publicity _____ RFI _____ Repeater _____ Social _____ License Classes _____

Teach License Classes _____ Volunteer Examiner _____ Other _____

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